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## *Nellis cops prepare for*

# **Contending Warrior**

*Left, Airman 1st Class Justin Raggio, 99th Security Forces Squadron, takes aim during one of many practice shoots. Before Contending Warrior even begins, each member of the team will have fired hundreds of rounds with both the M-16 rifle and 9-mm pistol.*

*Above left, Airman 1st Class Jeff Jacobs, 99th SFS, practices on the obstacle course. The course is designed to challenge each part of the body.*

*Above right, Nellis' Contending Warrior team runs in full gear as part of the rigorous training regiment.*

*Far right, Tech. Sgt. Steve Jones, 99th SFS, adds up the scores after a 9-mm practice shoot. Each member of the team must perform well in all parts of the competition and also should be outstanding in at least two separate events. Events can include the obstacle course, M-16 and 9-mm shoot, M-60 machine gun, M-203 grenade launcher, a long distance run and a compass navigation course.*

